

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1124 - HB 927

March 10, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “disability” for the purpose of administering a local education agency’s (LEA) harassment, intimidation, and bullying policy. Defines harassment, intimidation, and bullying as any written, verbal, or physical conduct that substantially interferes with a student’s educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, and that is based, all or in part, on the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, academic achievement, sexual orientation, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or physical appearance of a student or person to whom the student has a perceived or action association. Requires each LEA policy on harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyber-bullying to contain a statement that such behavior is prohibited by students, school staff, and volunteers, and that any policy violation may result in discipline, including termination of employment. Encourages LEAs to review such policies at least once every three years. Requires LEAs to transmit policy changes to the Commissioner of Education.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any change in the number of students who will be sent to an alternative setting or educators who will be terminated as a result of violating LEA policies on such behavior is estimated to be not significant. Any increase in local expenditures for such action is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in local expenditures to add required language to existing policy statements and guidelines is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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